



Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Toolkit

The National Exercise Schedule

THE NATIONAL EXERCISE SCHEDULE (NEXS) OVERVIEW

The National Exercise Schedule (NEXS) is a compilation of all National-level, Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local exercises. The NEXS serves as a management tool and reference document for exercise planning. It provides information on exercise date, location, scenario, scope, and participants. The purpose of the NEXS is to provide visibility of upcoming exercises to leadership, exercise planners, and exercise schedulers.

The NEXS was established to support the directive presented to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-8. HSPD-8 directs that DHS, in coordination with other appropriate Federal Departments and agencies, establish a "national program and a multi-year planning system to conduct homeland security preparedness-related exercises that reinforces identified training standards, provides for evaluation of readiness, and supports the National Preparedness Goal."

THE NEXS SYSTEM

The NEXS System is the Nation's online comprehensive tool that facilitates scheduling, de-confliction, and synchronization of all exercises in a centralized location. The NEXS System allows users to schedule exercises online, in addition to de-conflicting and synchronizing with exercises that are similar in date and location, scope, scenario, or participants. Exercise synchronization, the coordination and possible linking or combining of exercises, facilitates better allocation of resources and limits potential exercise fatigue.

WHAT EXERCISES SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE NEXS?

All national-level, Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local exercises. Each Department or agency's projected exercise forecast should be reflected in the NEXS. Any exercise involving multiple jurisdictions or disciplines should be posted to the NEXS so other departments and agencies can de-conflict or synchronize their exercises and planning meetings.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE NEXS SYSTEM?

Users can access the NEXS System through the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Web site at <https://hseep.dhs.gov>. To obtain NEXS viewing access, contact support@hseep.net.

NEXS scheduling access is limited to Federal, State, and territorial Exercise Administrative Authorities (EAAs) or their designated exercise schedulers. If you feel you should have access to the NEXS for the purpose of scheduling exercises, please send a request to NEXS@dhs.gov.